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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SENOR UNESCO EMISSARY TO DEPARTMENT

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1. WE ARE PESSIMISTIC AS TO POSSIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTIVE
US APPROACH TO GOJ ON UNESCO-JERUSALEM QUESTION, PARTICULARLY
SINCE GOJ STILL AWAITING RESPONSE TO ITS OWN DEMARCHE OF DEC
30, 1974 (REFTEL B) CONCERNING THAT VERY QUESTION.

2. JORDANIANS ARE IN NO POSITION OR MOOD TO BE CON-
CILIATORY ON JERUSALEM ISSUE SINCE THIS IS VIRTUALLY
ONLY ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WHICH IS (IMPLICITY) LEFT TO
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THEM SINCE RABAT CONFERENCE. STRONG GOJ DEMARCHE TO

US, UK, FRANCE AND USSR ON ISRAELI EXCAVATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION IN JERUSALEM IS CASE IN POINT. MANY FORMER RESIDENTS OF JERUSALEM LIVE IN AMMAN, INCLUDING BOTH FORMER MAYOR AND FORMER GOVERNOR. GOJ, THEREFORE, MORE LIKELY THAN EVER TO TAKE HARD LINE ON UNESCO QUESTION, AND HAS LITTLE INCENTIVE TO DO OTHERWISE. MAJORITY OF JORDANIANS STILL BELIEVE THAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL REPORT ON JERUSALEM PREPARED BY UNESCO EXPERTS AT BEST GIVES CAUSE FOR CONCERN AND UNESCO ACTION THEREFORE JUSTIFIED.

3. AS TO GENERAL US APPROACH ON ISSUE, WE SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT JORDANIANS AND OTHER ARABS WILL BE GIVING US EXTREMELY CLOSE SCRUTINY ON THIS ONE. ANY US MOVE TO REINSTATE ISRAEL IN UNESCO WITHOUT BALANCING ATTEMPT TO SET SIGNIFICANT ISRAELI GESTURE TOWARDS ARABS ON EXCAVATION ISSUE WOULD BE WIDELY CRITICIZED BY ARABS. CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE TO JORDANIAN DEMARCHE WITH CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF FACTS, WHICH SEEM TO BE IN DISPUTE, WOULD BE GOOD WAY TO BEGIN TO BALANCE QUESTION AND HOPEFULLY GET A HEARING HERE.
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